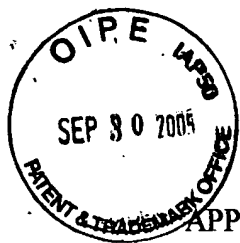


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**AMENDED RESPONSE OF
APPLICANT TO ACTION
OF EXAMINER
DATED FEBRUARY
8, 2005 (AS AMENDED
PURSUANT TO THE
DIRECTIVE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS DATED AUGUST
30, 2005**

TO: THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

Now comes the Applicant and for his amended response to the action of the examiner dated February 8, 2005 (as amended pursuant to the directive of the Commissioner of Patents of August 30, 2005) submits the following response and amendment. A three month extension was requested and a fee for such extension was previously paid on August 5, 2005 in the amount of \$545.00.

I. AMENDMENTS

- A. To the drawings: (none-no drawings)
- B. Amendments to the Specifications (none requested)
- C. Amendments to the Claims: (see attached page 2 for Amendment Claim

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II. STATUS OF CLAIMS

- 1. Claim 1 is still pending and is rejected at this point. Claim 1 is the only claim pending in the case due to a restriction requirement.
- 2. Claim 2 is not pending in this action as it was previously withdrawn at the request of the Examiner, said withdrawal being without traverse.